

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Taylor Brown, on February 19, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Taylor Brown, Chair (R)  
Sen. Brian Hoven, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)  
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)  
Sen. David Howard (R)  
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R) - arrived after roll call  
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)  
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D) - arrived after roll call  
Sen. Nels Swandal (R) - arrived after roll call  
Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Kris Hansen (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Taylor Fridrich, Committee Secretary  
Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 342, 2/16/2015; HB 260, 2/16/2015; HB 145, 2/16/2015

Executive Action: SJ 11 - Do Pass as Amended

00:01:27 Sen Swandal entered the hearing

**HEARING ON HB 260**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:55 Rep. Ryan Lynch (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on HB 260, Revise laws for payment of costs associated with irrigation district petitions.

00:04:01 Sen. Stewart-Pergoy entered the hearing.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:11 Lori Maloney, clerk of district court, Butte Silver Bow (BSB)

00:06:25 Sen. Moore entered the hearing.

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:07:02 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:07:46 Chairman Brown

00:08:12 Ms. Maloney, BSB

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:08:23 Rep. Lynch

**HEARING ON HB 145**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:09:36 Rep. Mike Cuffe (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 145, Revise laws related to livestock loss.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:15:26 Jim Brown, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)

00:21:54 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

00:23:40 Ben Lamb, Greater Yellowstone Coalition (GYC)

00:24:29 Jake Troyer, Montana Audubon (MA)

00:25:45 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

00:26:22 Shantil Siaperas, legislative analyst, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

**[EXHIBIT\(ags38a01\)](#)**

00:27:19 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

00:28:59 Matt Skogin, Natural Resource Defense Council (NRDC)

[EXHIBIT](#)(ags38a02)

00:29:42 Jacob Cowgill, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

00:30:20 Shelbi Dantic, Montana Conservation Voters (MCV)

00:30:37 Rhonda Lanier, Wolves of the Rockies

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:31:56 George Edwards, executive secretary, Livestock Loss Board, Department of Livestock (DOL)

[EXHIBIT](#)(ags38a03)

00:33:38 Quentin Kujala, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:34:03 Sen. Pomnichowski

00:35:25 Rep. Cuffe

00:35:37 Mr. Edwards, DOL

00:36:31 Sen. Pomnichowski

00:37:14 Mr. Edwards

00:37:37 Sen. Pomnichowski

00:38:27 Sue O'Connell, research analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:39:25 Sen. Pomnichowski

00:40:06 Rep. Cuffe

00:40:26 Sen. Pomnichowski

00:41:18 Mr. Brown, MWGA

00:41:42 Mr. Edwards

00:42:15 Sen. Hoven

00:43:27 Rep. Cuffe

00:47:11 Sen. Moore

00:47:46 Mr. Brown

00:48:31 Sen. Moore

00:48:38 Mr. Brown

00:48:44 Sen. Moore

00:49:02 Mr. Brown

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:50:12 Rep. Cuffe

**HEARING ON SB 342**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:54:52 Sen. Mike Phillips (D), SD 31, opened the hearing on SB 342, Revise laws related to bison management.

[EXHIBIT\(ags38a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(ags38a05\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:04:38 Mike Mease, self  
01:07:24 Stan Frasier, Helena Hunters and Anglers Association (HHAA)  
01:08:48 Matt Skoglund, Natural Resource Defense Council (NRDC)  
01:10:22 Ben Lamb, National Wildlife Federation (NWF)  
01:10:42 Jake Troyer, Montana Audubon (MA)  
01:11:21 Shane Morigeau, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)  
01:11:54 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)  
01:12:15 Claudia Narcisco, The Sierra Club  
01:14:33 Rhonda Lanier, Wolves of the Rockies  
01:15:30 Joe Gutkoski, Yellowstone Buffalo Foundation

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:19:10 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA) and Montana CattleWomen (MCW)

[EXHIBIT\(ags38a06\)](#)

01:25:47 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)  
01:29:56 Jacob Cowgill, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

**Informational Testimony:**

01:30:30 Martin Zaluski, state veterinarian, Department of Livestock (DOL)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:30:59 Sen. Wolken  
01:31:49 Sen. Phillips  
01:32:38 Sen. Caferro  
01:33:06 Sen. Phillips  
01:34:06 Sen. Caferro  
01:34:26 Sen. Phillips  
01:35:46 Sen. Caferro  
01:36:15 Sen. Phillips  
01:37:01 Sen. Caferro  
01:37:09 Sen. Phillips  
01:39:06 Sen. Hoven  
01:40:06 Sen. Phillips  
01:41:04 Sen. Moore

01:42:14 Mr. Zaluski, DOL  
01:45:18 Sen. Moore  
01:45:42 Mr. Zaluski  
01:45:50 Sen. Moore  
01:46:08 Mr. Zaluski  
01:46:39 Sen. Pomnichowski  
01:47:03 Sen. Phillips  
01:48:22 Sen. Pomnichowski  
01:48:39 Sen. Phillips  
01:49:17 Sen. Moore  
01:50:28 Sen. Phillips  
01:52:08 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy  
01:53:12 Mr. Zaluski  
01:53:47 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy  
01:54:08 Mr. Zaluski  
01:54:33 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy  
01:54:58 Mr. Zaluski  
01:55:34 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy  
01:56:19 Mr. Zaluski  
01:56:54 Sen. Cohenour  
01:57:17 Chairman Brown  
01:57:22 Mr. Zaluski  
01:59:38 Chairman Brown  
02:01:17 Sen. Phillips  
02:03:09 Chairman Brown  
02:03:53 Sen. Phillips  
02:04:35 Chairman Brown  
02:04:59 Sen. Phillips  
02:05:10 Chairman Brown  
02:05:25 Sen. Phillips  
02:05:33 Chairman Brown  
02:06:27 Sen. Phillips  
02:06:49 Chairman Brown  
02:07:06 Sen. Phillips  
02:07:52 Chairman Brown  
02:08:02 Sen. Phillips  
02:08:35 Chairman Brown  
02:08:52 Sen. Phillips

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:09:25 Sen. Phillips

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 11**

02:13:16 **Motion:** Sen. Stewart-Peregoy moved that **SJ 11 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

02:13:41 Sen. Cohenour

02:16:31 Chairman Brown

02:16:39 **Motion:** Sen. F. Moore moved that **SJ 11 BE AMENDED.**

**EXHIBIT**(ags38a07)

02:17:44 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Hansen was excused.

02:17:55 **Motion:** Sen. Hoven moved that **SJ 11 BE AMENDED.**

**EXHIBIT**(ags38a08)

**Discussion:**

02:19:05 Sen. Pomnichowski

02:20:21 Sen. Moore

02:20:58 Chairman Brown

02:21:38 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Hansen voted by proxy.

02:22:37 **Motion:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **SJ 11 BE AMENDED.**

**EXHIBIT**(ags38a09)

**Discussion:**

02:23:01 Sue O'Connell, research analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

02:23:41 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cohenour moved to **SEGREGATE AMENDMENT SJ001101.ASO AND AMEND SJ11 BY SECTION 1 AND 3.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Hansen voted by proxy.

02:24:41 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Hansen voted by proxy.

02:25:28 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. T. Brown moved that **SJ 11 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Hansen voted by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:30 P.M.

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Taylor Fridrich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([ags38aad.pdf](#))